

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

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CHRISTIAN CORTEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION,
et al.,

Defendants.

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THOMAS M. GOULD
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
W/D OF TN, MEMPHIS

No. 05-2130-M1/P

ORDER TO COMPLY WITH PLRA
OR PAY FULL \$150 CIVIL FILING FEE

Plaintiff Christian Cortez, Bureau of Prisons inmate registration 15264-076, an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution-McKean ("FCI-McKean")¹ in Bradley, Pennsylvania, filed a pro se petition for a writ of mandamus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1361 on February 14, 2005. The Court issued an order on July 15, 2005 that corrected the docket to name the correct defendants and directed the plaintiff, within thirty (30) days, to comply with the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b), or pay the \$150 civil filing fee. The plaintiff filed the required documents on August 4, 2005.

I. Assessment of Filing Fee

Under the PLRA, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b), all prisoners bringing a civil action must pay the full filing fee of \$150 required by 28

¹ The word "prison" is used in this order to refer to all places of confinement or incarceration, including jails, penal farms, detention and classification facilities, or halfway houses.

U.S.C. § 1914(a).² The in forma pauperis statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), merely provides the prisoner the opportunity to make a "downpayment" of a partial filing fee and pay the remainder in installments.

In this case, plaintiff has properly completed and submitted both an in forma pauperis affidavit and a prison trust fund account statement. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), it is ORDERED that the plaintiff cooperate fully with prison officials in carrying out this order. It is further ORDERED that the trust fund officer at plaintiff's prison shall calculate a partial initial filing fee equal to twenty percent (20%) of the greater of the average balance in or deposits to the plaintiff's trust fund account for the six months immediately preceding the completion of the affidavit. When the account contains any funds, the trust fund officer shall collect them and pay them directly to the Clerk of Court. If the funds in plaintiff's account are insufficient to pay the full amount of the initial partial filing fee, the prison official is instructed to withdraw all of the funds in the plaintiff's account and forward them to the Clerk of Court. On each occasion that funds are subsequently credited to plaintiff's account the prison official shall immediately withdraw those funds and forward them to the Clerk of Court, until the initial partial filing fee is paid in full.

It is further ORDERED that after the initial partial filing fee is fully paid, the trust fund officer shall withdraw from the plaintiff's account and pay to the Clerk of this Court monthly payments equal to twenty percent (20%) of all deposits credited to plaintiff's

² Because this complaint was filed prior to March 7, 2005, the new filing fee of \$250 is not applicable.

account during the preceding month, but only when the amount in the account exceeds \$10.00, until the entire \$150.00 filing fee is paid.

Each time that the trust fund officer makes a payment to the Court as required by this order, he shall print a copy of the prisoner's account statement showing all activity in the account since the last payment under this order and file it with the Clerk along with the payment.

All payments and account statements shall be sent to:

Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of
Tennessee, 167 N. Main, Room 242, Memphis, TN 38103

and shall clearly identify plaintiff's name and the case number on the first page of this order.

If plaintiff is transferred to a different prison or released, he is ORDERED to notify the Court immediately of his change of address. If still confined he shall provide the officials at the new prison with a copy of this order.

If the plaintiff fails to abide by these or any other requirement of this order, the Court may impose appropriate sanctions, including a monetary fine, without any additional notice or hearing by the Court.

The Clerk shall mail a copy of this order to the prison official in charge of prison trust fund accounts at plaintiff's prison. The Clerk is further ORDERED to forward a copy of this order to the warden of the FCI-McKean to ensure that the custodian of the plaintiff's inmate trust account complies with that portion of the PLRA pertaining to the payment of filing fees.

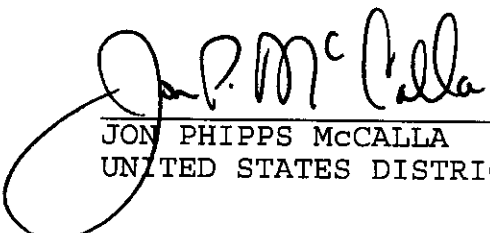
II. Issuance of Service

It is ORDERED that the Clerk shall issue process for the defendants and deliver said process to the marshal for service. A copy of this order shall be served on the defendants along with the summons and complaint. Service shall be made on the Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i)(2)(A), and service on defendant Mundy shall be made pursuant to fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i)(2)(B). All costs of service shall be advanced by the United States.

It is further ORDERED that the plaintiff shall serve a copy of every further document filed in this cause on the attorney for each defendant, or on any defendant that has no attorney. The plaintiff shall make a certificate of service on every document filed. The plaintiff shall familiarize himself with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court's Local Rules.

The plaintiff shall promptly notify the Clerk of any change of address or whereabouts. Failure to comply with these requirements, or any other order of the Court, may result in this case being dismissed without further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22 day of August, 2005.


JON PHIPPS McCALLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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Honorable Jon McCalla
US DISTRICT COURT